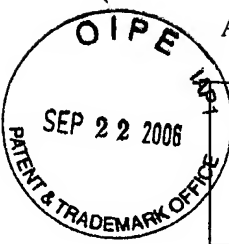


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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed July 12, 2006, applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider the following remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

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